

REMARKS

Claims 1-52 were pending. Claims 1, 4, 27, 30, and 33 have been amended. Claims 1 and 27 are independent. Claims 25-26 and 51-52 have been cancelled. Claims 1-24 and 27-50 are now pending. No new matter is added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the action mailed March 24, 2004, in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 7-8, 12, 15-31, 33-34, 38, 41-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a & b) as being anticipated by Adobe Illustrator 8.0 Classroom In A Book ("Adobe Illustrator 8.0"). The Examiner rejected claims 6, 10-11, 32, and 36-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adobe Illustrator 8.0 in view of Sams Teach Yourself Adobe Illustrator 9 in 24 Hours ("Sams"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Section 102 rejections

Claim 1 stands rejected as anticipated by Adobe Illustrator 8.0. Claim 1, as amended, recites:

providing an editing brush for interactive editing of the image by a user, the editing brush having a size and shape defining a region of influence, the editing brush defining a displacement function over the region of influence, the displacement function having a displacement value at each position within the region of influence, each application of the editing brush operating to apply directly to each control point that is within the region of influence at that application of the editing brush, and not to other control points, a displacement determined according to the displacement value of the displacement function at the position of the control point in the region of influence.

The Examiner states that Adobe Illustrator 8.0 discloses the editing brush of claim 1. The Examiner relies on the description of a number of editing brushes and tools described by Adobe Illustrator 8.0. The editing brushes and tools relied on by the Examiner include a zigzag tool on page 168, a twirl tool on page 169, a scatter brush on page 134, and a curve editing process on page 114. However, Adobe Illustrator 8.0 does not disclose an editing brush that applies a displacement function directly to each control point that is within the region of influence at that application of the editing brush and not to other control points, as required by claim 1. Applicant

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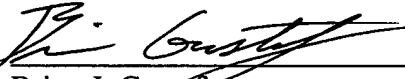
respectfully submits that claim 1, as well as claims 2-24, which depend from claim 1, are in condition for allowance.

Claim 27 stands rejected as anticipated by Adobe Illustrator 8.0. For at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1, claim 27 as well as claims 28-50, which depend from claim 27, are in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be allowed. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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